Action taken to fill up Group 'B' Posts:

The vacant posts of AO have been filled in BSNL by conducting DPC on regular basis. After formation of BSNL, in the last three years, promotion to the grade of AO was ordered in respect of 1716 posts and have been filled up including Gujarat Circle.

SDE (Telecom) is an all India cadre and the posts are filled as per Recruitment rules. The posts are to be filled from the feeder grade of JTOs which is a circle Cadre. There are 27 Recruiting circles. All India eligibility list of JTOs is prepared by interpolating all JTOs at appropriate places, for filling the posts of SDEs by promotion. The posts are also filled through limited departmental competitive examination.

Promotions to the grade of SDEs in accordance with Recruitment Rules, on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness are being made at regular intervals centrally.

Improvement in rural telecom connectivity

1030. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chairman, National Knowledge Commission has emphasized the need to improve rural telecom connectivity to ensure overall development of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's action plan for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The issue of rural telecom connectivity has not been covered in any of the recommendations submitted by the National Knowledge Commission to the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Development of IT in Indian languages

†1031. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is carrying out any work for the development of information technology in Indian languages;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and language-wise;

(c) whether any special task force has been set up for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details of its duties alongwith the financial provisions made for it;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.